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Appl. No.: 10/733,776
Filed: December 12, 2003
Title: **Process for the Fermentative Preparation of
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**
Inventor(s): RIEPING, Mechthild
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In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of the present document.